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SUBJ: FONMIN FITZGERALD DENIES LONDON TIMES REPORT; ASKS
THAT SECRETARY BE INFORMED OF MISQUOTE

1. EAMONN GALLAGHER, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF IRISH MINISTRY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CALLED DCM FRIDAY EVENING OCT. 17 TO CALL
ATTENTION TO THE LEAD ARTICLE IN THE TIMES OF LONDON SAME DATE.
HEADLINE READS QUOTE IRISH MINISTER AND EEC PARLIAMENT
CONDEMN BRITISH STAND ON ENERGY END QUOTE. THE ARTICLE CONTAINS
QUOTATIONS FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN FITZGERALD (WHICH
GALLAGHER CLAIMED INCLUDED HALF TRUTHS AND SOME INACCURACIES).

2. ONE PARAGRAPH OF THE ARTICLE PARTICULARLY IRRITATED
FITZGERALD. IT READS QUOTE DR FITZGERALD EXPRESSED THE
STRONG FEELINGS OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE BRITISH
STAND TO DR KISSINGER, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, WHEN
HE VISITED WASHINGTON LAST WEEK. HE HINTED YESTERDAY THAT
THE AMERICANS WOULD SOON BE MAKING THEIR OWN ANNOYANCE KNOWN
TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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"IT WOULD BE REALLY TRAGIC IF THIS KIND OF DEVELOPMENT COULD PREVENT THE CONFERENCE GOING AHEAD, AND DR KISSINGER WAS AS CONCERNED AS I WAS ABOUT THAT", HE SAID. UNQUOTE

3. GALLAGHER SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED BY FITZGERALD TO CONVEY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAD NOT SAID OR EVEN HINTED THAT USG WOULD BE "MAKING THEIR OWN ANNOYANCE KNOWN TO THE BRITISH". FITZGERALD HAD BEEN ASKED IF THE AMERICANS WERE GOING TO TALK TO HMG ABOUT THE BRITISH STAND. FITZGERALD REPLIED THAT THE REPORTER WAS ASKING THE WRONG PERSON... DR. KISSINGER IS IN A PERFECTLY GOOD POSITION TO TALK TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IF HE WISHES TO. FITZGERALD ADDED THAT

HE ASSUMED ALL THE PARTIES WERE CONCERNED THAT THE CONFERENCE GO AHEAD AND BE A SUCCESS. CURLEY

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